

OILERS DISPLAY REAL CLASS IN BLANKING THE SAINTS

BARHAM BAFFLES DOLAN SLUGGERS

New Pitcher Holds St. Joe to Four Blows; Invincible in the Pinches.

TULSA PRODUCES A PUNCH

Dozen Wallops Come When Needed; Davis Drives One Over the Wall.

By CHARLES J. BEEBE

The gang has arrived, at last. Whether its stay is to be brief for the day or is to continue throughout the season only time will tell, but in its 9 to 6 defeat of St. Joseph yesterday the Tulsa baseball club displayed the real class it has been known to possess which has been rather lack-wait in making the appearance.

Arrived yesterday, Barham's outfit much needed strength to the pitching staff return of the club for a most critical home stay of two weeks after a very disastrous week, knowledge they must begin to deliver right now if the club is to be a factor in the Western League race, and the pleadings of President Manager Abbott for a final effort to show the stuff of which they were made inspired to make them showing the most solid record of any exhibition so far this season.

Deliver the Punch

While the new finger from the far north was baffling the invading batters, the home boys were hopping on to Dolan's men Friday with an aggressiveness that substantiated the claim of the club's friends that the team possessed a punch in spite of the fact that it had been rather chargey about displaying it.

The dozen blows that were

premeditated, delivered with malice aforethought at the right time and not hap-hazard, happy-go-lucky, any-time wallop that were wasted as they have been oftentimes before.

Barham hurled a great game, his showing being especially impressive when he found himself cornered where he had to deliver the goods himself to get out of the jam. When it is taken into consideration, the fact that he has just come out of a cold snap into a sweltering Oklahoma spell, and had been traveling for nearly a week, his feat in turning the heavy-hitting Saints back in every inning stamp him as a most valuable acquisition.

Pulls Out of Hole

His wildness put him in a hole in the very first round. He walked Pitts, the first man up, and then hit Hargrove, Dolan advanced them both on a sacrifice. He caused a nolly to send an easy howitzer to him for the second out, then rather than take a chance on a veteran like Heinen stepped the third with the middle weight, boxed the fourth and fifth rounds. Heinen the sixth and Walter Monahan the seventh and eighth. Heinen was dropped in the sixth round with a left hand hook to the chin and was bleeding at the nose when he hit the ring.

Dempsey also had a light day, but Manager Kerns announced that the challenger will resume boxing Sunday.

The cut over his eye is healing rapidly and will permit him to engage in glove work. Dempsey also has eliminated road work from his daily grind. He shadowboxed and punched the bag for the edification of a big crowd that continues to visit the challenger's camp whether he boxes or not.

MUTT AND JEFF.—JEFF GIVES THE FACTS IN A JOCKULAR MANNER



WILLARD ELIMINATES GRIND OF ROAD WORK

Champion in Good Condition So Cuts Down—Challenger Also Goes Through Light Work.

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 18.—Jess Willard announced tonight that he expected to weigh between 245 and 248 pounds for his heavyweight championship contest with Jack Dempsey here July 4, and because of the satisfactory progress he had made in reducing his weight, has decided to eliminate long runs over the roads from his daily training grind.

Lighter work than has been the rule for several days was given in the champion's workout this afternoon. Willard cut down his boxing to eight rounds after his strenuous workout yesterday, when he boxed 11 rounds and wound up with four more of shadow boxing. The champion's performance was witnessed by 2,500 persons, comprising the largest weekday crowd that had packed the tented enclosure. Between 600 and 700 women were sprinkled through the gathering.

Willard faced Jack Hempel for the first round, and Jack Heinen stepped the third with the middle weight, boxed the fourth and fifth rounds. Heinen the sixth and Walter Monahan the seventh and eighth. Heinen was dropped in the sixth round with a left hand hook to the chin and was bleeding at the nose when he hit the ring.

During the first northern invasion, Tulsa's pitching was excellent but the offensive was poor. By the time the club had returned home the batters had picked up, and the pitchers were cracking up, during the work of five with Salisbury bearing even more than his share of this concentrated effort.

Now Covington has gone and in his place has come Barham who in his debut yesterday showed that he can be depended upon to take care of his own share of work.

As a result of that and the other contests, Clarence Wolff of St. Louis, who defeated Nelson Whitney in New Orleans, 5 and 4, will meet J. S. Thompson of St. Paul, conqueror of Chris Kenny of St. Louis, 4 and 3; Harry G. Legg, Minneapolis, who won over T. B. Griffith of Wichita 11 and 10, will measure mashes with C. G. Waldie of Detroit, victor over Frank Lyons of St. Louis, 6 and 5. In the south, Jack O'Brien, who whipped A. N. Losh of Chicago, 2 and 1, will contest Bockenkamp and R. B. Kneipper of Sioux City, who overcame Sam Reynolds of Omaha, 3 and 2, will pit putters with L. D. Brownfield of Denver, winner over J. E. Murphy of Kansas City, 11 and 10.

As a result of this, the other division clubs will be on the alert to see if the others, with the addition of a winning pitcher and playing at top speed would be up in the race.

The dope was upset in the first game of the last intersection series in the National league yesterday. The Reds were the only first

division club to win.

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